visions Act, 1952, the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948, and other conditions of service apply equally to all employees irrespective of the fact whether they are male or female and the violation of the provisions of all these laws are treated according to the relevent provisions.

Supplies of foorgrains through P.D.S.

321. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated buffer stocks position of foodgrains as on 1st July, 1988;

(b) the quantity of foodgrains likely to be released during August, 1988 for effecting distribution through the public distribution system;

(c) what steps Government propose to take to augment the supplies of foodgrains through the public distribution system; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to realise more quantity of foodgrains during the Kharif season?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) As on 1st July, 1988, the totol stock of foodgrains with public agencies was estimated at 11.9 million tonnes.

(b) An allocation of 7.31 lakh tonnes of rice and 6.75 lakh tonnes of wheat has been made from Central Pool for meeting the requirements of public distribution system for the month of August, 1988.

(c) and (d) Government have contracted for import of 7 lakh tonnes of rice and one million tonnes of wheat in order to replenish the buffer stocks. It is proposed to maximise procurement by opening sufficient number of purchase centres and strict enforcement of levy orders. The support price of common paddy has also been increased by Rs. 10/- per quintal and the varietal difference raised from Rs. 4/- to Rs. 10/- per quintal.

Shifting of Delhi Race Club

322. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question 327 in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th May, 1987 and state:

(a) by when the Delhi Race Club will be shifted from its present site; and

(b) whether any site has been selected for the purpose; if not, by when it will be selected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) A land utilisation study and its technical feasibility has been initiated for considering the suitability of alternative site on the East Yamuna Bank for shifting the Delhi Race Club. It is a major developmental exercise. No definite date can, therefore be indicated for completion of the whole exercise.

Losses suffered by F.C.I.

323. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) total amount of losses suffered by the Food Corporation of India during the period from April, 1987 to March, 1988; and

(b) whether the amount of this loss is less than that of the last two financial years, if so, to what extent?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) The accounts of the Food Corporation of India for 1987-88 are in the process of finalisation and the amount of loss will be known when accounts are finanlised.